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perpendicular direction to the longitudinal axis of the object which is to be reinforced. This enables the textile reinforcing layer to be mechanically applied to the inner layer in an optimum manner, particularly without generating folds.

### Summary

Textile Reinforcement Layer for Hoses, Tubes and similar extended Objects as well as for Products manufactured from such Objects

A textile reinforcement layer for hoses, tubes and similar extended objects, that consist of at least one inner layer, the mentioned textile reinforcement layer, as well as an outer layer bonded to the textile reinforcement layer and the inner layer, and which evidences a stiffening of a material, which at normal ambient temperature has a stiffening effect in at least one direction different from the longitudinal axis of the object to be reinforced, especially perpendicular of the longitudinal axis of the object to be reinforced. This method enables an error-free application of the reinforcement layer onto the inner layer by machine, specifically without wrinkles.